

Regarding The First Four Species Restrictions:

"Specie 1: modular electronic device with alignment/attachment mechanism is a magnet."

"Specie 2: modular electronic device with modules is encapsulated sealed."

"Specie 3: modular electronic device with one alignment/attachment mechanism."

"Specie 4: modular electronic device with more than one alignment/attachment mechanism."

Applicant is considering restricting his primary claim to using magnetic attachment and to using sealed modules; Applicant therefore believes that these restrictions should address the Examiner's Specie 1 and Specie 2 restrictions.

Applicant is also considering restricted his primary claim to specify his alignment mechanism to; "comprising at least one geometric protrusion from a given module and corresponding recesses in another module ...".

Applicant believes that by restricting his primary claim to magnetic attachment and alignment to at least one geometric protrusion and corresponding recesses, that Examiner's Specie 3 and Specie 4 restrictions should be addressed; because applicant's amended primary claim would, in this case, not claim both: "one alignment/attachment mechanism" (Specie 3 restriction) and "more than one alignment/attachment mechanism" (Specie 4 restriction); instead Applicant now is considering restricting his primary claim to one attachment mechanism (magnetic) and at least one geometric protrusion that fits into another modules corresponding recess. Applicant believes that this would address Examiner's Specie 3 and Specie 4 restrictions.

Applicant is willing to work with the Examiner to make sure that Examiner's Specie restrictions are fully addressed and to help minimize paperwork.

Examiners Specie 5 restriction:

"Specie 5: modular electronic device with one or more non-contact inter-module power transfer mechanism."

Applicant is considering amending his dependant claim 20: "Claim 20 (Currently Amended) A device as in claim 13, wherein modules further comprising ~~one or more~~ a non-contact inter-module power transfer mechanism."

Applicant's non-contact power transfer between modules is a dependant claim to applicant's primary claim, and applicant has amended his dependant claim 20 to reference "a" non-contact inter-module power transfer mechanism instead of "one or more"; Applicant believes that the species of his invention is sufficiently restricted as to address Examiner's species 5 restriction. Applicant is willing to work with the Examiner to make sure that Examiner's Specie restrictions are fully addressed. If further restriction is required applicant would like to discuss this with the Examiner.

Examiner's Specie 6 restriction:

"Specie 6: modular electronic device with modules is liquid filled."

Applicant is considering canceling claims that relate to liquid filled modules thus resolving Examiner's Specie 6 restriction.

Examiner's Specie 7 restriction:

"Specie 7: modular electronic device with communication mechanism for input/output signals."

Applicant's is considering restricting his primary claim to use 3 modules that send non-contact communication signals between modules; to using sealed modules; to using magnetic retention; and using geometric alignment. Applicant's believes that such a primary claim would be highly restricted & restricted enough for examination; considering all restrictions including Specie 7 claims restriction. If further restriction is required applicant would like to discuss this with the Examiner.

Applicant intends to work with the Examiner to make sure that all of his Specie restrictions are fully addressed; Applicant's phone (949) 583-1296; rappri@sbcglobal.net; Applicant also intends to call the Examiner.